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NEWS BRIEFS

Whitman names Cronheim Acting Secretary of State

CRENSHAW — Last week, Gov. Trenton Whitman named a member of her staff, Carol Cronheim of Lambertville, to serve as Acting Secretary of State. Cronheim temporarily replaces former Secretary of State Lonna Hooks.

Because of Carol's extensive background in the arts, history and the humanities, says Whitman, "I have asked her to oversee the implementation of the reorganization of the Department." Whitman says she is still in the interviewing process to name a permanent secretary.

Clemency effort launched for Kemba Smith

WASHINGTON — A conference of one of the nation's leading African American women's service organizations was the launching ground for a Clemency Campaign to President Clinton seeking the release of a young African American college student considered a stark example of unfair sentencing rules.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund joined The Links, Inc. and some 2,000 members at its biennial assembly in Boston on July 1 to present the case of Kemba Smith. Now serving 24 1/2 year sentences at the Danbury Correctional Facility in Connecticut on drug conspiracy charges Smith, 26, has become a focus of national attention.

National leaders focus of NAACP convention

ATLANTA — Beginning July 11, thousands of NAACP members will converge on Atlanta for the 98th Annual NAACP Convention. The convention will take place at the Georgia World Congress Center and will conclude on July 16. The theme for the convention is "Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today."

Delegates will hear from NAACP leaders Kweisi Mfume and Julian Bond, and Gen. Colin Powell, Vice President Al Gore, and former New York Mayor David Dinkins. The convention will address issues facing people of color.

Students assist children at Freedom Schools

WASHINGTON — More than 250 African American college students and college age adults from the Children's Defense Fund's Black Community Crusade for Children recently completed a two-week training program that will prepare them to serve low-income children at 33 Freedom Schools in 12 states and the District of Columbia this summer.

"From New York to California, Freedom Schools will make a positive difference in the lives of children this summer," said Freedom Schools Director Juliette Johnson.

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KKK, Black Panthers face off in Jasper, TX

JASPER, TEXAS (AP) — On the eve of Black Panthers' planned faceoff with Ku Klux Klan members, prosecutors were preparing a state capital murder case against those responsible for the dragging death of James Byrd Jr.

Three white men, Lawrence Russell Brewer Jr., 31, of Suburban Springs, and Shawn Berry and John William King, both 23, of Jasper, were charged in the June 7 slaying of Byrd, who was black. Byrd was chained to a pickup truck and dragged down a road.

The New Black Panther Party, advising Jasper residents to "load your guns," sent armed members to the East Texas town to protect blacks during the planned Klan rally.

A U.S. Senate committee on approved \$100,000 to help pay for the prosecution of the case. The full Senate must also give its OK. Jasper County officials said a federal prosecutor will help try the state case before deciding how to proceed in their own investigation.

Jasper County Sheriff Billy Rowles has said he's confident attorneys can seek capital murder indictments against King and Brewer before

a grand jury next month. Berry, who has been cooperating with authorities, is not likely to face capital murder charges.

At the rally held in front of the Jasper courthouse, the Ku Klux Klan denounced the Byrd killing.

About a dozen of the Panthers, carrying shotguns and rifles, said they wanted to protect Jasper's blacks from the KKK.

Authorities, however, kept the two groups separated and confrontations generally were limited to pushing and shoving as a couple of Panthers and

Black Muslims tried to crash into the fenced area where the Klanmen, most of them wearing their pointed hoods and robes, held a 90 minute rally.

At least one black man was taken into custody after a scuffle broke out when some of the Klanmen attempted to drive away in a car as the rally ended.

Security was intense, with local police and sheriff's deputies bolstered by FBI agents and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers. More than a dozen troopers wearing helmets and equipped with gas masks, stood shoul-

der to shoulder on the lawn as the rally took place.

Businesses around the square, many of them adorned with yellow bunting, put up in the wake of the slaying, were closed.

About 200 spectators did show up, some of them jeering as the Klan emerged from the courthouses door carrying flags. A sound system was set up and various Klanmen took turns denouncing the media, affirmative action and blacks. Most Jasper residents took the advice of local officials and stayed away.

Religious leaders meet with mayors to discuss building NJ communities



Bishop Donald Hilliard of Second Baptist Church in Perth Amboy, Reverend Dr. David Jefferson, Sr. of Metropolitan Baptist Church of Newark met with other ministers, mayors and political leaders at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark.

NEWARK — Hundreds of representatives from New Jersey's religious and political communities joined with the Conference of Mayors at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark for a panel discussion on improving New Jersey communities. Among the topics discussed were opportunities presented by the recent New Jersey Supreme Court decision to implement pre-kindergarten programs in special needs districts.

The event kicked off with a keynote address by Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, Senior Pastor at the Central Baptist Church of Christ in Harlem and former Chief of Staff to Martin Luther King Jr. Quoting from his work, *The Harbinger*, Walker said, "Without fanfare and little notice the African-American Church has been critical in the process of healing and creating wholeness in Black life. It is patently clear that the salvation of the race is in the hands of the Black Church with the help of the good Lord. No outside

agency, no Federal government, no condition of goodwill-none can suffice. We must save ourselves."

Leo Kligholz, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education made a special presentation on the recent New Jersey Supreme Court decision to implement pre-kindergarten programs in special needs districts.

"We are eagerly preparing to implement a plan for improving underserved children in the Abbott Districts through whole-school reform, a collection of programs and strategies which will involve restructuring that reach out the foremost goal of ensuring that our children have every opportunity to receive the quality education that is vital and necessary for success in the 21st century."

A panel discussion followed, with leaders from non-profit religious organizations, government and business sharing success stories and partnership ideas for creating important change in education.

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enrolling students in preschool and kindergarten programs that offer specially designed content to lay the foundation for early reading instruction. Through this approach, we expect to reach our foremost goal of ensuring that our children have every opportunity to receive the quality education that is vital and necessary for success in the 21st century."

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See RELIGIOUS LEADERS/B3

Newark stop on group's slave route

By Deepthi Hajeia
Associated Press Writer

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Hoping their steps will lead people down the path to racial reconciliation, a group of pilgrims who intend to trace the American slave route back to Africa arrived in New Jersey recently, continuing a journey that started in May and is expected to last more than a year.

After crossing the George Washington Bridge in the morning, about 30 members of the Interfaith Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage arrived at a Newark park for a prayer rally.

About 100 people turned out to welcome the rally, which included a ceremony honoring victims of the slave trade.

The march started on May 30 in Massachusetts. Organizers said they hoped their journey would promote dialogue between people and help close the rifts that slavery created.

"We want to wake up white Americans to confront this part of history that has so long been repressed," said the Rev. Pat Meyer, who coordinated the group's stop in Newark.

He said it was fitting that the group stopped in New Jersey, because it was one of the last Northern states to ban slavery.

The trip will take the pilgrims down the East Coast and into the Deep South. After leaving Newark, the group will travel through Trenton, Camden, Philadelphia, Washington, and Charlotte, N.C., before reaching New Orleans, the final destination in this country.

Along the way, pilgrims will visit slave auction blocks, sites of lynchings and slave-ship ports. They will also stop at places like the Macedonia A.M. Church in Camden, a safe house for slaves escaping into the North along the so-called Underground Railroad.

From New Orleans, pilgrims will sail to the Caribbean and Brazil, and finally to Africa, where they will make their way down the western coast, ending up at Cape Town, South Africa, in May 1999.

Legislative crime bill targets drug dealers

TRENTON — Congressman Bob Menendez recently announced a get-tough legislative package that targets drug dealers, particularly those that prey on children, establishes "Justice Strike Forces" to go into cities and towns, and places "safety officers" in schools to work with students and combat violence.

The proposed Drug Elimination and Justice Act (DEJA), which also puts thousands of new cops on the streets, additionally establishes a federal "drug court" network that takes low-level offenders out of the traditional court system and provides mandatory treatment. It also funds non-profit, after-school programs to serve as safe havens for youths.

Menendez, joined by U.S. Senator Robert Torricelli, explained the proposal at a press conference at the State House in Trenton.

"Senator Torricelli and I are here to draw a line in the sand," Menendez said. "A line against those who deal drugs to our kids; a line against violence in our schools; a line to keep

Local mayors convene in Reno

RENO, NV — The 66th Annual Meeting of The U. S. Conference of Mayors, held June 19-23 at Reno's Hilton Hotel featured several top administration officials, including in address by President Bill Clinton.

President Clinton joined approximately 300 mayors via satellite to recognize the remarkable job they are doing as the CEOs of cities in a U.S. economy that is surpassing all projections.

Local Mayors attending the conference were Plainfield Mayor Al McWilliams, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Irvington Mayor Sara Bost who was named to the Board during the conference, and Elizabeth Mayor and board member, Chris Bollowe.

"The conference provides a forum for mayors to speak with cabinet officials in a one on one as well as group sessions," Mayor Bollowe said in an interview with *City News*. Bollowe has been attending the conference since 1993.

"Transportation was a major issue for the New Jersey mayors," he added. "We discussed the TEA-21 bill (Transportation Equity Act) which will serve as a local rail link."

In a press session, Mayor Report on Rebuild America," took up the issue of transportation funding and



Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollowe, far left (black shirt), joined (counterclockwise) Mayor Jeff Griffin of Reno; Hope Mayor Tim McDonough; Mayor Mary Thalia Kay of Pemberton, president of NJ Council of Mayors; Newark Mayor Sharpe James; Plainfield Mayor Al McWilliams; Irvington Mayor Sara Bost; Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer; Pleasantville Mayor Ralph Peterson; Mayor Robert Murphy of Hamilton Township; Mayor Michael Vohl of Middle Township, Cape May County; Mayor Jack Alter of Fort Lee; Mayor Joseph Scarpelli of Brick Township; and (center) Calvin West, a representative from Newark at the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

over the next six years.

In a break from discussing political issues, 25 mayors worked to raise the walls of the latest Truckee Meadows Habitat for Humanity House. The Freddie Mac-sponsored home is part of the "House That Congress Built" program.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

CRAWFORD—Union County College offers a non-credit course on "Microsoft Office 97—Word 97" Part 2, from 7:10 to 9:10 p.m. 908-709-7600

CALDWELL—The Office of the County Clerk will be at the Caldwell Town Hall Bldg. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to process passports, notary public oaths, ABC identification cards (no senior id's), veterans licenses, and filing of physicians licenses. You must provide your own photos.

JERSEY CITY—The Women's Center of NJ City University will hold a program on "Still Getting Fit: Fastwalking" from noon to 1 p.m. 201-200-3189.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

BROOKLYN—The 1998 Mobil African American Women on Tour will be at the New York Marriott, Downtown Brooklyn for a Black women's empowerment conference. For location and time, please call 619-560-7770.

PHILADELPHIA—Promise Keepers' "Live a Legacy" men's conference will be held through July 11th at the Veterans' Stadium in Philadelphia. 1-800-888-7595.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

PLAINFIELD—The 35th annual art and craft show will be held at Library Park. Rain date - July 12th. 908-754-7250.

SCOTCH PLAINS—A bus trip to Kings Dominion and Baltimore Harbor will be happening through July 12th. Leaving from Plainfield Ave. & Park Place in Scotch Plains 7 a.m. sharp and returning Sunday, July 12 about 11 p.m. 908-754-5289.

ELIZABETH—Community Access Unlimited will hold a flea market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the agency's headquarters, located at 80 West Grand Street. 908-354-3040, ext. 275.

NEW YORK—A workshop for youth grades 9-12 will be held at the Sony Wonder Technology Lab introducing them to the world of video camera technology from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 3 to 5 p.m. 212-853-8100.

NEWARK—Empowerment workshops for parents every Saturday until August 15. Parents will gain the knowledge to become real partners in improving Newark's schools. 979-643-0324.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

EDISON—SingleFacts will have a dance party beginning at 8 p.m. at The Pines Manor. 735-462-2406.

MONDAY, JULY 13

CRAWFORD—Union County College

offers a non-credit course on "Microsoft Office 97—Word 97" Part 3, from 7:10 to 9:10 p.m. 908-709-7600

MAHWAH—The 21st Annual A&P Tennis Classic, featuring many of the biggest names in women's professional tennis, open. The week long tournament continues through Sunday, July 19th at the Crossroads Corporate Center. 201-825-9100.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

EAST ORANGE—The Office of the County Clerk will be at the East Orange Municipal Bldg. from 2 to 8 p.m. to process passports, notary public oaths, ABC identification cards (no senior id's), veterans licenses, and filing of physicians licenses. You must provide your own photos.

WEST ORANGE—A tour of the zoo at night to observe animal behavior at night will be held at Essex County's Turtle Back Zoo. 973-731-5801.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

NEWARK—Come to a free speech panel discussion on the political situation in Indonesia, its lessons for all fighters for social and economic justice. This discussion will be held 7:30 p.m. at the Pathfinder bookstore. 973-643-3341.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

ISELIN—A SingleFacts dance party will be held 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton. 732-662-2406.

MONDAY, JULY 20

JERSEY CITY—The Women's Center of NJ City University will hold a program on "Legal Education Night" from 6 to 8 p.m. 201-200-3189.

MONDAY, JULY 27

SCOTCH PLAINS—The Arc of Union County Golf Outing celebrates 10th year with a day of fun and sun on the links of Shadokan Golf and Country Club. 908-754-7826.

JERSEY CITY—The Women's Center of NJ City University will hold a program on "Women Raising 'You' Self-Esteem" from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. 201-200-3189.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

CRAWFORD—Union County College offers "News and Amuse", a non-credit course to familiarize participants with the field of journalism using a practical, hands-on approach. The course will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays through Thursdays, through August 13th at the Crawford campus. 908-709-7600

Beta Alpha Omega awards Ruth B. Watts scholarships

EAST ORANGE—The Beta Alpha Omega chapter, Newark of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. recently awarded the Ruth B. Watts and Mae C. Jensen to eight recipients at its annual scholarship awards luncheon. The chapter awarded \$15,000 in scholarships. The recipients included the following students: Sherrie Evans, Frank H. Morrell High School; Kiera Billings, Kelly Williams, University High; Arita Amponash, Malcolm X Shabazz High; Ikhas Rashid, Joane Agnat, Science High; Melinda James, Nathalie Jean-Louis, Weequahic High. The Una M. Janifer Award went to Cheryl Reid for having the highest grade point average in the undergraduate chapter, Gamma Zeta. The Marion B. Hebbons Undergraduate Award went to Kiyana Glass for the most improved student. Both students received \$750.00 each. Greetings were offered by Melody Parker, president of the chapter.

Community service awards were presented to community leaders. They were Marvin Perry Jones, an airline captain for Delta Airlines and Carolyn B. Thompson-Wallace, an administrator and Executive Director of the International Youth Organization for outstanding service to the community. In recognition of Media Day, the chapter presented a plaque to The City News for publicizing chapter events during the year. A fashion show was featured by fabulous Emily Mills. Barbara Williams, chairman of the fundraising committee served as mistress of ceremonies for the luncheon. Sylvia Cyrus and Ella Rainey served as chairmen of the scholarship committee.

Beta Alpha Omega is a community service organization that sponsors programs that support economic empowerment, the black family, arts, scholarships, health care, math and science initiatives, and many more.

(L-R) Danica Bradman, co-chairman of the Community Service Committee, Melody Parker, president of Beta Alpha Omega Chapter, Newark of the Alpha Kappa Sorority, Inc. present awards to Community Service Recipients, Marvin Perry Jones, an airline Captain for Delta Airlines, Carolyn B. Thompson-Wallace, Exec. Director for International Youth Organization; as Willoia Ashley, chairman of the nominating committee, Barbara Harris, co-chairman of the Community Service Chairman lead on.



Standing (l-r) Helen Baltimore, Barbara Williams, Sherrie Evans, Frank H. Morrell High School; Kiera Billings, Kelly Williams, both of University High; Ikhas Rashid, Joanne Agnat, Science High; Lanyne Clarke, Ella Sample. Seated - L-R Mary Peale, Ella Rainey, Sylvia Cyrus, co-chairman of the scholarship committee, Melody Parker, President of Beta Alpha Omega Chapter, Newark of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Winifred Waldon, vice president.



Scholarship recipients not pictured are Arita Amponash, Malcolm X Shabazz High, Melinda James, Nathalie Jean-Louis, both of Weequahic High.



Jeramee L. Johnson, representing City News, receives a Media Appreciation award from Gail Gillespie of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Howard graduates from Northfield School



NORTHFIELD, Mass.—Jilee Howard, the daughter of Clotilde Watten of Plainfield, is a 1998 graduate of Northfield Mount Hermon School, a Massachusetts independent, college-preparatory school. A Better Chance Scholar and a member of the varsity/university track and field team, she has been a member of Jmaas, a student organization; the Gospel Choir; and the class Steering Committee. She has completed a 1988 apprenticeship with Wall Street Strategists, a New York City investment firm. She also has performed community-service volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity, at a soup kitchen and in a nursing home. In the fall she will attend Florida A & M University in Tallahassee.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF DISCRIMINATION AT HILLCREST VILLAGE APARTMENTS AND LEXINGTON VILLAGE APARTMENTS

On April 8, 1998, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey entered an order resolving a lawsuit brought by the United States Department of Justice against the owners, managers and rental agents of Hillcrest Village Apartments and Lexington Village Apartments in Clark, New Jersey. The lawsuit alleged that the defendants had discriminated against black persons who sought rental housing there. Under this order, you may be entitled to receive monetary relief if you asked about or applied for renting, or rented, an apartment at Hillcrest Village Apartments or Lexington Village Apartments and:

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NATION/WORLD
BRIEFSBLACK CIVIL WAR
VETERANS WILL BE
HONORED

WASHINGTON — The unveiling of the African-American Civil War Memorial "Spirit of Freedom" monument will lead off five days of events honoring Civil War heroes. Starting July 15, and continuing through July 18, the memorial will include the unveiling of a sculpture designed by Kentuckian Ed Hamilton.

Other activities include a symposium featuring the descendants of black troops and sailors and a sunrise tribute to the United States Colored Troops at Arlington National Cemetery. For more information, call 1-888-648-8728.

NEVADA GOP
CONGRESSMEN GET
LOW MARKS

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The NAACP has given low marks to Reps. John Ensign and Jim Gibbons, saying their voting records show an indifference to civil rights issues. Ensign and Gibbons, both R-Nev., were rated at 24.9 percent and 33.2 percent respectively. Conversely, Sens. Harry Reid and Richard Bryan, both D-Nev., received exceptional scores of 100 percent and 80 percent respectively.

NAACP national and regional officials announced the results of the civil rights group's evaluation of voting records at a news conference recently. They examined votes on 10 different issues it deemed important for underprivileged people. Nevada received a failing grade of 60 percent overall based on the combined score of its four representatives. California, Washington state and New Mexico also were rated around 60 percent. Arizona, Utah and Idaho were rated below 50 percent.

SUSPECT IS
ARRAIGNED IN RACE-
RELATED MURDER

DENVER (AP) — A Denver judge entered innocent pleas for two men accused of killing a West African immigrant and shooting and paralyzing a woman who ran his aid. Denver District Judge Federico Alvarez recently entered the pleas for Nathan Thill, 19, and Jeremiah Barum, 24, when their attorneys refused to do so before knowing if the case would carry the death penalty.

State law provides that judges can enter innocent pleas at the arraignment if defendants don't refuse to do so. Thill and Barum are charged with first-degree murder in the Nov. 18 shooting of Omar Dia, 38, an attempted murder in the shooting of Jeanine Vaneklinburg.

OFFICER CONVICTED
OF ABUSING WOMAN
IN CUSTODY

NEW YORK (AP) — A police officer was convicted recently of sexually abusing a woman in a Brooklyn station-house after he arrested her two years ago. Benjamin Rodriguez, 26, of Long Island, was found guilty of four counts of sexual abuse in the third degree, a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum jail term of 90 days, said District Attorney Charles Hynes. The week-long, non-jury trial was presided over by Justice James Starkey in Supreme Court in Brooklyn. Rodriguez is to be sentenced Aug. 12. "The officer's actions reflect upon him alone and not upon the thousands of men and women police officers who serve with pride and honor," said Hynes in a statement.

PROSECUTION PUTS
QUICK END TO COSBY
MURDER CASE

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors in the Ennis Cosby murder trial wrapped up their case with a strange twist, showing jurors a man the defense says is the real killer but without asking him any questions.

The abrupt finish came Friday, June 26, after just five days of testimony. Prosecutor Anne Ingalls had Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies march El Zarkaria into the courtroom in handcuffs and a jail jumpsuit. It was a dramatic appearance by the defense attorney's claim killed Bill Cosby's only son.

Zarkaria said nothing but was told only inches from the jury so the panelists could get a good look. He was then taken out of the courtroom.

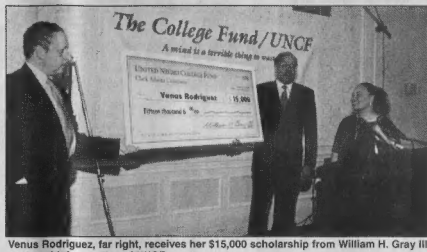
UNCF furthers students' education

SAN FRANCISCO — The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) continues its mission of ensuring that deserving young African Americans get a chance to go to college by awarding full four-year college scholarships to Angel Malone of Berkeley and Venus Rodriguez of San Francisco. These two remarkable Bay Area women received the scholarship funds because of their perseverance in overcoming dramatic odds to obtain a superior education.

These two young women—who have each shown outstanding character and perseverance—represent exactly the kind of outstanding

students that the United Negro College Fund wants to help," says William H. Gray, the chief executive of the UNCF. Each young lady received \$15,000.

Angel K. Malone, 17, is a 1998 graduate of Berkeley High School in Berkeley, California. Angel had decided to attend Xavier College in New Orleans. Angel Venus Rodriguez is a 1998 graduate of the prestigious French American International School in San Francisco. She has decided to attend Clark Atlanta University this fall. She was appointed by San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown to the city's Youth Commission in 1996.



Venus Rodriguez, far right, receives her \$15,000 scholarship from William H. Gray III, center, chief executive of UNCF.

Reno weighs inquiry into King's death

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno is expected to order a limited new inquiry into the 30-year-old assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., officials say.

Some members of Congress were also expected to vote on whether they would decide how far the new inquiry will go. Justice spokesman Bert Brandenburg said she had not made up her mind.

Reno was expected to accept a staff recommendation for a limited inquiry that stopped short of a full-scale, multimillion-dollar probe, according to Justice officials who requested anonymity.

NAACP attorneys also would reject a proposal by the slain civil rights leader's widow, Coretta Scott King, and the King children, for a

national commission.

The King family now doubts that James Earl Ray was solely responsible for the assassination of King, who was gunned down on a motel balcony in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. Ray, who was imprisoned for the murder until his death of liver disease this year, disavowed his initial confession and spent years futilely seeking a new trial.

During a visit with Reno in April, the Kings proposed a commission modeled on South Africa's Commission of Truth and Reconciliation, that panel has given amnesty from criminal prosecution to former officials and others who have confessed their roles in apartheid-era human rights abuses.

of racial separation. The King family made the same plea to President Clinton this month.

A seven-month investigation by Memphis District Attorney General Bill Gibbons concluded this spring that there was no evidence anyone other than Ray assassinated King.

Any Justice review of the murder is likely to focus particularly on new evidence the King family says it has received from people over the years, officials said.

It was not immediately clear whether Justice lawyers alone would conduct the inquiry or if federal investigators would be assigned as well, and which investigative agency Reno might choose for the task.

In March, after 30 years of silence, former FBI agent Donald Wilson said papers he took from Ray's car after the assassination support claims of a conspiracy. Wilson, who worked in the FBI's Atlanta office in 1968, claimed to have found in Ray's car an envelope containing two pieces of paper with the name "Raul" written on them. Ray contended he was set up by a shadowy gun-runner named Raul, a man whose existence has never been verified. The FBI discounted Wilson's story.

Ray pleaded guilty 11 months after the assassination, but immediately recanted and maintained his innocence thereafter. He died April 23 at the age of 70.

Sparks heads
USDA's Civil
Rights office

WASHINGTON — U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman has named John Sparks to be the

director of the Office of Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Sparks joined the Department earlier this year as Special Assistant to the Secretary for Civil Rights.

"John has already been playing a critical role coordinating the civil rights issues in the Department," said Glickman.

One of the recommendations presented to and accepted by the Secretary was the establishment of a separate Office of Civil Rights.

Prior to joining USDA, Sparks served at the White House as Deputy Legal Advisor for the National Security Council. "I am pleased to be working with Secretary Glickman on this far-reaching civil rights effort," Sparks said. "He has a deep commitment to redressing past wrongs, and to seeing that they will not happen again. It's not going to happen overnight, but we are making progress. We will continue to move forward."

Slave justices
in the early
1800s?

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — "You hear that slaves had trials and the first thing you think is: If they're accused of a crime against a white person, they're guilty and that's pretty much the end of it. But that's not really cases," said Glenn McNair, a doctoral student at Emory University in Atlanta who wrote his master's thesis on the trials of slaves in Baldwin County.

Although most crimes were handled on the plantation, slave trials were fairly common in the South when the crime involved two separate slave owners.

The Baldwin County documents chronicle the trials of slaves accused of capital offenses ranging from arson to murder between 1812 and 1838. Most of the presiding justices were slave owners themselves, and the juries were always made up of white men.

Before 1814, when the first red-brick, white-columned courthouse was built in Milledgeville, Georgia's antebellum capital, judges sometimes held trials in their homes. These justices, acting much as a modern-day grand jury does, would first meet to determine whether a case should go to trial. The trial also was heard by three justices. There was a prosecutor, but rarely a defense attorney. Often, the slaveholder would represent his slave. Whites and blacks were called as witnesses. Some testimony was summarized in court records, but there are no lengthy transcripts to provide a detailed picture of the trials.

"It doesn't necessarily mean that they were just or fair, but what it does say is that they had a system of due process before they meted out any punishment," said Akinyele Umoja, an assistant professor of African-American studies at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

A slave named Aluk was spared from death despite pleading guilty to striking a slave owner in 1818, according to the court records. He was sentenced to 50 lashes on his bare back for three successive days.

Such decisions were not out of mercy, historians say, but for the protection of the master's property.

The value of slaves increased in the South after 1807, when foreign slave trade was banned — and the need to retain existing slave labor increased.

"The slaves did represent monetary value, so slave owners were very reluctant to put somebody to death," said Donald DeVore, director of The Anistat Research Center in New Orleans and a former history professor. "When a slave is sentenced to death, they're burning down your house without having insurance."

For years, the records from the slave trials lay virtually untouched as a shelf in Baldwin County's courthouse.

About three years ago, the faded documents were stolen from the aging courthouse, which was built in 1887 as the second successor to the 1814 building, said Probate Court Clerk Ann Baker. The documents had been hidden on microfilm, however, and are still available at the state archives in Atlanta.

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The case for a third Party

By Walter Fields

outside the state. DiFrancesco is expected to seek the GOP gubernatorial nomination in 2001.

Most observers cite the republican's proposal as a discreet way of heading off any unanticipated challengers off as the pass. The senate president made clear that he was not suggesting a ban on out-of-state contributions. He reasoned that New Jersey's dollars

should not be used to match contributions that come from outside the state's boundaries. Sounds reasonable but the truth of the matter is that matching funds are critical for and campaign. The sooner a candidate reaches the threshold, the quicker the campaign can receive the state's matching contribution. The mandatory debate provision of the election law also creates a significant window of opportunity for any candidate

DiFrancesco's attempt to trump the law should be closely watched by

others outside of the two mainstream parties. For years this provision of the state election law stood on the books but was never exploited by an "inde-

manipulation suggests that a well-

orchestrated candidacy could pose big problems for Republicans and Democrats. A Libertarian, the offspring of a fiscal conservative, is hard pressed to find a large constituency in a state known for its moderate poli-

And that leads us to the black community. For years blacks have

complained of Republican tokenism and Democratic indifference. Yet there was never an attempt to do just what Sabrin did last November—turn the election law on its head. Blacks

number over one million in the state and represent some 15 percent of the population. That number is expected to stay stable into the next decade and increase slightly. Symbolically, a black gubernatorial candidate would appeal to the extended community outside of New Jersey. And the state's

proximity to New York City would give a credible candidate access to the arts, entertainment and professional

sports community. This would open up innumerable opportunities for fundraising.

stupid does

off Main Avenue. All I had to do was walk uphill for one block, totting a bookbag, to get to St.

I'm 55. I'm a tad pudgy around

the waist but, at 5-8 and 162 or so, I'm not overweight. I work out at the YMCA two or three times a week.

Yet I damn near keeled over walking uphill at a brisk pace for that one block or so.

Stupid is as stupid does. It takes one to know one. I know those kids at the high school are stupid because I remain stupid.

There is hope. That's one of the beautiful things about being human. There is always hope, it seems. For

me, hope is the \$50 computer, the size of a credit card, that tracks my smoking habits from its perch

inside my shirt pocket. Using such a computer, I quit smoking once before, and now I'm trying to quit again.

Those kids can avoid it.
Why don't they?
When I circle around past the

high school later this week, I won't yell at the kids who smoke. I like them. They're good kids. Just stupid. So I'll wave hopefully with no

pid. So I wave, hopefully with no cigarette in my own hand, possibly with one there because addicts never become truly free again.

I'll wave, and smile, and be friendly.
Stupid is as stupid does.

Denny Bonavita is managing editor of The (DuBois) Courier.

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Local Briefs

Mayor Bollwage says Elizabeth crime down

ELIZABETH — Mayor Chris Bollwage announced that crime is down in the City this year according to statistics from the Elizabeth Police Department. "Elizabeth Police are working hard to protect our City and their effort is paying off," said Mayor Bollwage. "Arrests are up and crime is down, and this is news we can all find comfort in knowing. Robberies have gone down by 15.2 percent, theft has decreased by 10 percent, auto theft is down 8.3 percent, and aggravated assaults have decreased by 4.4 percent so far this year. Over the past year, Bollwage has established successful crime reduction programs throughout Elizabeth by hiring more police officers, expanding community policing and establishing an effective neighborhood patrol program.

Executive board elected for next term

EAST ORANGE — The East Orange Democratic County Committee held its re-organization meeting June 8 to elect an executive board for the 1998-99 term. Executive board members were unanimously elected, one from each of the city's five wards. Catherine F. Willis, director on fund development and public relations for the Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex and Hudson Counties, was elected to serve as chair. Bradford Gray, a longtime third ward district leader, will serve as the committee's vice-chair. Elizabeth Executive board members elected were: Jackie Johnson, recording secretary; Phyllis Burrelle, corresponding secretary; Lash White, treasurer. Executive board members serve for two years.

Bill introduced to combat dog attacks

PLAINFIELD — Assemblyman Jerry Green recently introduced legislation to establish criminal penalties for anyone who uses a dog to attack another person. The bill (A-2259) would make assault by a dog a fourth degree crime punishable by up to 18 months in jail and \$10,000 in fines. If the dog causes bodily injury, the penalty is increased to a third degree crime punishable by up to 5 years in jail and \$15,000 in fines. Furthermore, if a law enforcement officer is the victim, the penalty elevates to a second degree crime punishable by up to 10 years in jail and \$15,000 in fines. "People who use their dogs to assault others should be held just as accountable as if they were to attack another person with their own hands," said Assemblyman Green (D-Plainfield).

Groups meet to discuss Davis suspension

EAST ORANGE — On Wednesday, July 1, a coalition of law enforcement organizations, civil rights groups, and community organizations denounced the suspension of East Orange, New Jersey Police Officer DeLacy Davis from the Police Benevolent Association's union. Speakers at the conference included Elsie Harrington, President of the New Jersey State NAACP Conference; Vice President Luther Gregg, PBA Local #405; Sgt. Eric Adams, Chairman of 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement - NY; Min. Michael Muhammad - Nation of Islam's Muhammad's Mosque #25-Newark; Limmie Caver-Brother Officers Law Enforcement Society in Trenton; and Anna Taliaferro, President of the NJ Parent Coordinator Association. Davis attended the press conference with his lawyers, making the same statements the union ordered him not to make.

City park gets spray fountain

ELIZABETH — Mayor Chris Bollwage and First Ward Councilman Manny Groves were on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony to open a new spray fountain in Jackson Park. The park is located at Court Street and Broadway and the spray fountain opened July 6. The ceremony marked the beginning of the use of the fountain which will be open for the Summer, seven days a week from noon to 8 p.m. A staff member will be present for the entire day to supervise the activities at the site. "The new spray fountain will be a welcome addition to the existing facilities in Jackson Park," Councilman Groves stated. The new fountain is part of Mayor Bollwage's platform concerning "New Hope For Our Children," the theme of the past year's state of the City address.

Talented teens receive top honors

UNION — The 22nd Annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International (HJTII) of New Jersey scholarship competition was held recently at Kean University's Wilkins Theatre in Union. The contest, sponsored by Uniting Talented Youth, Inc. (UTY, Inc.), featured nine young ladies representing various NJ counties and at-large areas all vying for the coveted crown of "Miss New Jersey Talented Teen 1998". The evening's festivities, hosted by Motown recording duo "Zane", featured a high-spirited opening number to Dolly Parton's "9 to 5" and Vanessa Williams' "Work to Do" in which contestants dressed in attire related to their desired occupations.

The contestants were judged in three categories: "Personality & Achievement," "Performing Talent," and "Poise & Appearance." The audience was also thrilled with a special guest performance from Hot 97 radio personality & Motown recording artist "D'Angelo" Jones, as well as an appearance from HJTII founder Hal Jackson, WBLS-FM



Congratulating the Miss New Jersey Talented Teen Competition Winners Lauren Brownridge, third from right, and Nikiya Mathis, at far left, are, from left, Renee and Jean of the recording duo "Zane", contest founder, Hal Jackson and recording artist "Miss Jones."

radio host of "Sunday Classics". Nikiya Mathis, an honor student at University High School and Union County's Queen, reigned victorious as she was named "Miss New Jersey Talented Teen 1998". She amazed the audience with her self-composed dramatic recitation, "Paul Robeson's Leading Lady", a tribute to Robeson in which she dramatically transforms into Shakespearean characters, Desdemona, Cleopatra, & Joan of

Ark. Other New Jersey HJTII 1998 winners included 1st runner up—Sharyn Howell of Hudson County, 2nd runner up—Latoya Jones of Camden County, 3rd runner up—Shari Smith of Bergen County, and 4th runner up—Danielle Howell of Passaic County. Another highlight of the evening was the crowning of 16 year old Lauren Brownridge as "Miss Essex County Talented Teen 1998".

Lauren, a resident of Newark, brought the audience to their feet with her martial arts presentation to "Rock Jam". As Miss NJ HJTII, Nikiya will receive an all-expense paid trip to represent the Garden State in the 28th Annual HJTII Finals scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 1998, at the World Famous Apollo Theater in Harlem, NY. The International Finals will feature contestants from most of the 50 states as

well other countries. The winner of the HJTII International Competition will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, trips abroad, and many other prizes. UTY, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging young people to attain academic & artistic excellence. If you are a young lady between the ages of 13 and 17 with a performing talent, please call 973-372-7407 for more information on the contest.

Caribbean cultural festival comes to Newark

NEWARK — The United Caribbean African Alliance (UCAAA) will sponsor the first Annual Caribbean African Cultural Festival on Saturday, August 8, from 1 p.m. to sundown. The theme for this year's festival is "Rhythm of the people; expression of cultures."

More than fifty groups/bands are expected to participate. The Festival starts at 1 p.m. at Military Park on Park Place. Activities include a marketplace, food court, bandstand and much more. A crowd of more than 50,000 are expected to attend. The UCAAA was founded in 1990 as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Its objective is to function as a service and advocacy group that focuses in problems and issues concerning Caribbean and African people living in the United States and abroad. Since its inception, UCAAA committees have been working to identify the special needs and concerns of African and Caribbean people in order to plan and implement appropriate strategies, policies and programs that will effectuate our communities into the next millennium.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Cheryl D. Murphy, Chairmat, at 1-888-88-4UCAAA.

S.A.L.T. gets new logo



PLAINFIELD — Students in Plainfield's two middle and high schools competed in a design contest to create the official logo for Union County's Save A Life Today (S.A.L.T.) program. The goal of the program is to rid the community of drug dealers and violent, repeat offenders—neighborhood by neighborhood, block by block. Shown with winning artwork is Second Runner up Prize winner Eric Barlow, Plainfield High, and Grand Prize winner Megan Barry and her proud father. With the winners are, at left, Program Director Sue Lewis, and, standing in rear, Executive Director Jack Heffernan.

Newark schools get \$5.4 million

NEWARK — A grant of \$5.4 million has been awarded to the Newark school district as part of the U.S. Department of Education's "21st Century Community Learning Centers Program."

The grant provides \$1.8 million a year for the next three years to be spent on developing education services, such as after-school tutoring programs, for children grades six through eight who are most likely to fail academically and socially. Five local organizations who collaborated in the proposal will also provide services in the

new program. "There were 2,000 grant applications from all across the nation," said Dr. Hall. "Only 98 communities received grants, and the Newark Public Schools received the second largest award. I believe our success in securing the grant is due, in large part, to the cooperative effort of the school district and the community-based agencies in the application process. This type of collaboration is crucial to education reform and the improvement of educational opportunities for our children."

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Harlem show house highlights black designers

By G.R. Mattox

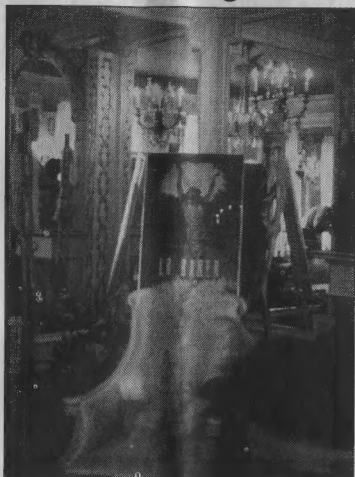
Twenty-two interior design teams banded together to restore and refurbish a four-story, 1906 beaux-arts townhouse located at 459 West 141 Street in New York. The result of this collaboration is the Harlem United Show House (H.U.S.H.), and the creative talents of these design teams will be on display until July 12.

In addition to the designers who worked together to create the first African-American Interior Design Show House, area residents, community leaders, civic groups and corporations have joined forces in the project, which is a unique way to raise funds for Harlem United Community AIDS Center while paying tribute to the artistry and talent of African Americans in all phases of the design world—artists that are too often overlooked by the mainstream.

The design project is located in a

historical area of Harlem. Near the northern edge of City College, between Convent and Amsterdam Avenue, this area was also known as "Sugar Hill," because it was home to several sugar plantation owners. Many of the homes, built from 1885 to 1910, have remained intact through decades of changing ownership.

"The outpouring of support has been overwhelming," said Roderick N. Shade, Chairman, Harlem United Show House of the activity. "Instead of knocking on doors, we decided to make doors and walk through them." Tickets to tour the show house are \$20 for general admission and can be purchased on site on in advance at the Harlem United Community AIDS Center, located at 123-125 West 124th Street. For information on group rates, call the show office at 212-531-1300 ext. 8415.



Beautifully appointed rooms like these are part of the Harlem Design Show House, the first African American Interior Design Show House.



What exactly is a 'first cousin, twice removed?'

By Courtney L. Cannon-Scott

How does someone get to be your third cousin, twice removed? This is really an easy question to answer. To determine the relationship between two people, they must have an ancestor in common. The relationship between them depends on their closeness to that common ancestor.

For example, two children with the same common ancestor/parent, are siblings. Two grandchildren of the same ancestor will be first cousins to one another.

A grandchild and a great-grandchild will be first cousins, once removed. A second or third cousin is not as closely related as a brother or sister because of different relatives not common to one another. The children of siblings (brothers and/or sisters) are first cousins to each other.

The children of those first cousins are second cousins, and those second cousin's children are third cousins. A basic family tree consists of direct ancestors—immediate descendants—mother, father, grandparents, great-grandparents, and so on. If brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins are added, the basic family tree becomes a collateral family tree chart.

Each generation after your great-grandparents, another great is added. Your great-great grandfather is also your second great grandfather. The number indicates how many times the word great is repeated. When charting relationships on a collateral tree chart, using abbreviations will make the chart seem less cluttered. If the relationship is as in-laws, use the abbreviation IL. For example, your relationship to your first cousin and his wife would be charted as "first cousin" and "first cousin-in-law."

When you are related in two ways to a person, use the closest relationship. A first cousin even five times removed is still closer than a second cousin, because a second cousin is in another generation. Always remember, for a true relationship to exist, there must be a common ancestor.

When working on a family tree, it is very important to know and understand relationships. Several definitions are listed below to assist you in your research:

COUNSIN—Your first cousins

A first cousin even five times removed is still closer than a second cousin, because a second cousin is in another generation

have the same grandparents as you do, they are the children of your aunts and uncles.

SECOND COUSIN—Your second cousins have the same great-grandparents as you, but not the same grandparents.

THIRD, FOURTH, and FIFTH COUSINS—Your third cousins have the same great-great-grandparents, and so on. **REMOVED**—When the word "removed" is used to describe a relationship, it indicates different generations. For example, your mother's first cousin is your first cousin, once removed. This is because your mother's first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents. The one-generation difference indicates "once removed." Twice removed indicates a difference of two generations.

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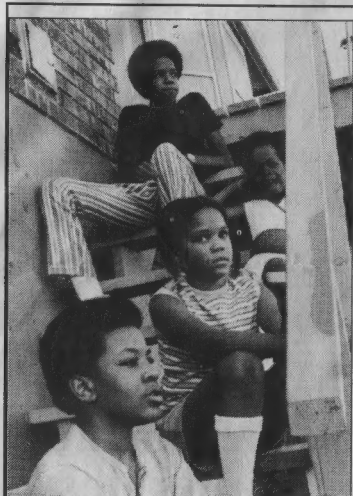
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Summer days: A photo album picture shows these cousins keeping cool.

AAA helps motorists avoid car melt down

FLORHAM PARK—In the recent late June heat-wave, the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club was inundated with emergency road service calls from stranded motorists melting from the scorching summer heat.

"The Club received a record 800 requests for emergency road service due to the severe heat," said Carlos Torres, manager of automotive services for the Florham Park-based Club. "The biggest culprit was no-starts. The extreme temperatures are playing havoc with batteries."

To help motorists beat the summer heat and avoid vehicle breakdowns, AAA's Torres offers the following advice:

•Batteries more than two years old should be tested by a qualified technician to make sure they have the starting power to handle the stress of extreme temperatures.

•Motor oil plays an important role in keeping the engine cool, so check oil level and condition.

•Check brake fluid level and condition to ensure reliable hot-weather braking.

•Check the performance if the air conditioning sys-

tem. If needed, have it serviced by a qualified technician, using the refrigerant R-12 in older systems or R 134A in new or modified air conditioners.

•If your car overheats, never attempt to remove the radiator cap until the engine has cooled. Coolant in the radiator is under pressure and can flash into steam, causing severe burns.

Since even the best maintained vehicles can break down, Torres says motorists should equip their vehicles with emergency kits containing the following items: container of water, flashlight with extra batteries, warning devices such as flares or reflective triangles, jumper cables and a first aid kit.

Other under-the-hood components such as belts and hoses also are stressed by extreme heat and should be regularly inspected.

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Beafonte receives Anderson award

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Entertainer Harry Beafonte led several hundred people in a chorus of "Day-O" after Mayor Edward G. Rendell presented him with the city's first Marian Anderson Award for humanitarian efforts.

Beafonte, 71, a singer, actor and civil rights activist who has won Tony, Grammy and Emmy awards, received a crystal sculpture and a \$100,000 check in the name of Anderson, the late opera singer.

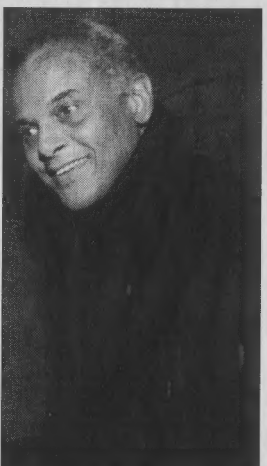
The award pays tribute to artists whose leadership benefits humanity.

Beafonte has served as host of the World Summit for Children at the United Nations and as a Goodwill ambassador for UNICEF. He spearheaded efforts to benefit African famine relief in 1985, including the "We Are the World" concert.

Anderson, a Philadelphia native who died in 1993 at age 96, was the first black soloist to sing at New York's Metropolitan Opera and the first black performer to sing at the White House.

In 1939, the Daughters of the American Revolution refused to allow her to sing at Constitution Hall in Washington, so the concert was switched to the Lincoln Memorial, where 75,000 people heard her performance.

"The world wanted her gift and she gave it to the world, but in return, they had to accept who she was,"



Entertainer Harry Beafonte

Beafonte said at an awards ceremony.

"The purpose of art is not just to show life as it is but to show life as it should be. The artist must be the constant teller of truth," he said, quoting from his mentor, the late singer and actor Paul Robeson.

Health Calendar

THURSDAY, JULY 9

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City University will offer four seminars for individuals seeking certification as alcoholism and/or drug abuse counselors in New Jersey. For more information, call the Saturday Semester Office at 201-203-3089.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

WESTFIELD—The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County will hold a workshop on Post-Meetings Recovery, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for further information and registration, 908-233-8810.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

WESTFIELD—The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County will hold a workshop on Compulsive Gambling, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for further information and registration, 908-233-8810.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

WESTFIELD—The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County will hold a three day workshop on Assessment. Call for further information and registration, 908-233-8810.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

WESTFIELD—The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County will hold a three day workshop on Dimensions of Recovery, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for further information and registration, 908-233-8810.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

WESTFIELD—The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County will hold a three day workshop on Dimensions of Recovery, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for further information and registration, 908-233-8810.

Faster action for Gehrig victims

By U. S. Senator Robert G. Torricelli

Warm spring days and summer nights signal the return of baseball season with its juicy hot dogs and vivid memories of towering athletes like Lou Gehrig. Yet even then an nicknamed "Iron Horse" was helpless in the face of the tragic disease that ended his career and ultimately his life. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) currently affects 30,000 Americans, over 850 of which live in New Jersey. That is why I am proud to introduce a bill that is so logical and makes so much sense that the hardest thing to understand is why it has not been done before.

ALS is a progressive neuro-muscular disease characterized by a degeneration of the nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord. While a person's mind remains sharp and alert, muscle control becomes completely lost, leading to paralysis and eventual death. There is no known cause or cure so the consequences for victims and their families are heart-breaking. The bill does three things. First, it waives the 24-month waiting period that ALS patients must endure in order to receive Medicare services. Since the life expectancy for ALS patients is only a few short years, it is crucial that these individuals have Medicare services as soon as possible. The financial costs for ALS families often exceed \$200,000 a year.

Secondly, it improves access of ALS victims to Medicare-reimbursed drug therapies by requiring Medicare to provide coverage for all FDA drugs used to treat ALS. Medicare typically does not provide coverage for drug therapies, but in the case of ALS, the need for such therapies is clear. Expanding Medicare coverage for ALS drug therapies should stimulate further research, a highly desirable outcome in extending the life span of ALS victims.

Finally, the bill more than doubles funding for research by authorizing \$25 million for the National Institutes of Health. The goal is to help the 5,000 new ALS victims struck every year by increasing the three-to-five year life expectancy with new drugs, providing critically-needed financial assistance and channeling more resources toward finding a cure.

Jersey residents 'Take the Test, Take Control



The Plainfield Community Health Center tested and counseled approximately 20 people on National HIV Testing Day. They also advertised in the community to let residents know what services are available. The service team consists of, from top, Haydee Chizán, Prevention Case Manager; Maria Carrasquillo, HIV Counselor; Wanda Najee-Ullah, Social Worker for the Health Center, and Medical Director Dr. Susan Walsh.

By g.r. matts

The Department of Health and Senior Services marked the recent fourth annual National HIV Testing day by urging residents who feel they may be at risk on HIV infection to take advantage of free, confidential testing and counseling. There are 23 Counseling and Testing Sites throughout the state.

The theme for this year's campaign is "Take the Test, Take Control." The campaign goal is to reach groups which have been disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS, including African-Americans, Latinos, sexually active women, adolescents and young homosexual men.

With the recent advances in the treatment of HIV and AIDS, early detection is more important than ever so people can receive prompt medical attention and informative counseling," said Dr. Leah Ziskin, Deputy Commissioner of Public Health Services. "Testing is an essential part of our program of AIDS prevention and control," Dr. Ziskin added.

An oral test is available to all persons seeking HIV testing. The availability of the test—called Ora-Sure—has encouraged those who did not want to undergo blood testing to come forward for this simple test. The test involves taking a sample of a substance called oral-mucosal transudate which is found between the cheek and gum. The sample is then tested to detect if HIV antibodies are present in the body. It is not a saliva test.

Three sites were among those

who were especially active in offering information and testing to area residents. The Jersey City Medical Center Counseling and Testing Site along with the Jersey City AIDS Taskforce conducted a two-day community outreach at four sites in the city, including the Path Station. Over 800 pieces of literature were distributed. The testing site also offered information and testing services at a Hispanic Festival were 20 people took advantage of the test. "It is as important as ever for people to know their HIV status to protect and prevent themselves from AIDS," said Jersey City spokesperson Michael Outwater. "Treatment has improved greatly and we are aggressively going to the community," he said.

Newark University Hospital's STOP (Spend Time On Prevention) program and POWER (Peer Outreach Worker Education Risk Taker) programs joined forces to sponsor a block party that combined food and games with distribution of literature. STOP coordinator Bill Franklin noted that over 50 people were tested because of the activities and the cooperation of local merchants was instrumental in making the event a success. "It was a great day and a great turnout," Franklin said. "Several organizations donated food and gifts which made it a wonderful day for everyone."

To obtain information on the nearest test site to have the Ora-Sure test, call the New Jersey AIDS Hotline at 1-800-624-2377. The Hotline is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All test results are confidential.

Nine-year-old hospital volunteer honored



BERKLEY HEIGHTS—Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo presents a certificate to Danielle Scott, age nine, of Union, for her efforts as a Junior Volunteer at Runella Specialized Hospital. "Danielle donated five hours of her time at the hospital's Nickleodeon 'Big Helpation,' noted Freeholder Mingo. "We appreciate it immensely, especially since she has to juggle her regular schoolwork and playtime—no easy feat." Shown with Freeholder Mingo and Danielle was her mother Patricia.

Obesity is additional major risk factor for heart attack

NORTH BRUNSWICK—The American Heart Association recently announced that obesity has been added to the association's list of major risk factors that people can control to prevent death and disability from coronary heart disease, the cause of heart attacks. These major risk factors include smoking, high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure, sedentary lifestyle, and now obesity. Heredity, increasing age and being male are also regarded as risk factors by the association, but they cannot be changed.

"Obesity itself has become a life-long disease, not a cosmetic issue, nor a moral judgment—and it is becoming a dangerous epidemic," said Robert H. Eckel, MD, vice chairman of the American Heart Association's National Committee. "We want to send a message to both health care providers and the public that the time has come to take obesity seriously," said Eckel, an internationally recognized medical expert on obesity and professor of medicine and physiology and program director of the General Research Center at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver.

Research has shown that modest weight reduction—5 to 10 percent of body weight—can reduce high blood pressure and total blood cholesterol. Modest achievable weight loss can also help control diabetes in some people. "Healthcare providers and the public need to accept that obesity is a chronic disease, just like high blood pressure or high blood cholesterol. Its causes are a complex, individualized combination of genetics, behavior and lifestyle that we are just now beginning to understand," said Eckel. "Today, our understanding of obesity and its impact on coronary heart disease is in its infancy, comparable to our understanding of cholesterol's role in heart disease in the mid-1970s," he continued.

There are no simple answers as to why obesity is increasing at this time. "However, one reason for the epidemic is that although Americans are eating a lower percentage of total calories from fat, they are eating more calories overall, added Eckel.

"This may be due to confusing public health messages that stressed eating a low-fat diet without calorie restriction. Contrary to some widely circulated ideas about low-fat eating, calories do count," he said. Studies also indicate that Americans are more sedentary on the job and in their leisure time. Obesity

can be treated through lifestyle strategies, such as calorie restriction and increased physical activity, medications, and in some cases, surgery. More research on obesity is one of nine points in the American Heart Association's call to action on obesity, which also stresses the need for greater understanding by both medical professionals and the public about the complexities of weight regulation and its relationship to health.

For more information on obesity or coronary heart disease, heart attack, nutrition and diet, call your local American Heart Association or call 1-800-AHA-USA1.

Doctors give support for 'right-to-carry' bill

TRENTON—Doctors and health care professionals recently announced support for the Right-to-Carry Bill, S. 930 and A. 1294. Senator Gerald Cardinale, Assemblyman Michael Carroll and Scott Garrett, and other co-sponsors of the bill, joined the doctors in this show of support. The Right-to-Carry Bill will grant concealed carry permits to law-abiding citizens for self-defense purposes, and is similar to Right-to-Carry laws that are presently working in 31 other states.

Passage of the Right-to-Carry Bill is of primary importance to these doctors. "We keep narcotic pain killers in the office for our patients, and we often have to work late at night," said Angelo Carnelvale, DMD of Mercer County. "When I leave the office at 10:30 p.m., I would feel more secure if I

had the Right-to-Carry." Evangelos Megarinos, MD, a Passaic County orthopedic surgeon whose life was recently threatened by a patient said, "When the Clifton police interviewed me, they said 'Doctor, we can't really help you unless there are bullet holes in the wall behind you.' Need I say more. Passage of the Right-to-Carry is critical to my safety and to that of my employees."

Ronald S. Newman, Ph.D., a psychologist from Cumberland County noted, "The Right-to-Carry is clearly a safety issue for law-abiding citizens and not a public health issue. Most of my life I was opposed to firearms. After carefully studying the issues, however, I have changed my mind and strongly support the Right-to-Carry Bill."

Straight facts on allergies

"An allergy is a specific reaction to a normally harmless substance, one that does not bother most people. Allergic people often are sensitive to more than one substance. Allergens enter the body in one of three ways. Airborne particles such as pollen, dust and mold spores are breathed in through the nose and mouth; insect venom is injected through stings; foods are ingested, or swallowed. Medicines that can cause allergic reactions are injected or ingested. Upon contact with skin, substances such as latex, nickel, cosmetics and oil found in poison ivy and oak plants can also cause allergic reactions."

•An estimated 50 to 60 million Americans—about one of every five adults and children suffer from allergies, including allergic asthma. Allergies are the sixth leading cause of chronic disease in the United States.

•Allergies have a genetic component. If only one parent has allergies, chances are one in three that their child will have an allergy. If both parents have allergies, it is much more likely (7 in 10) that their children will have allergies.

•Allergies are responsible for 3.4 million lost U.S. work days each year, at a cost of \$639 million. An estimated two million school days are lost each year due to allergies.

•Consumers and employers spend as much as \$2 billion per year on allergy treatment, including office visits, tests, medications and immunotherapy.

•Allergy sufferers account for more than 8.4 million physician visits each year, and \$225 million is spent on physician services annually.

•More than 33 million Americans suffer from chronic sinusitis.

•More than 22 million Americans have allergic rhinitis, or hay fever. It is the most frequently reported chronic condition in children, limiting activities for more than 40 percent of them.

•An estimated 6 to 10 million Americans are allergic to cats.

•An estimated 2 million Americans develop severe allergic reactions to insect stings.

•Food allergies are believed to occur in 8 percent of children younger than 6 years old. In adults, approximately 1 to 2 percent are sensitive to foods or food additives.

•There are an estimated 42,000 cases of adverse drug reactions reported annually.

•More than half of all allergy sufferers fail to recognize their symptoms at first, falsely believing they have the cold or the flu.

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Religion Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

WASHINGTON, DC—A National Black Religious Summit II on Sexuality sponsored by the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice will be held at the Howard Divinity School, 202-627-7700.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

BROOKLYN—Terri McFadden, an ordained minister and author of "God Made Me Beautiful," will speak 1:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Marriott.

Rev. McFadden

SUNDAY, JULY 12

BROOKLYN—Jynelia Vanzant will give the keynote address at 1:30 at the 1998 Mobil Oil African American Women on Tour empowerment conference.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Off-Broadway play entitled, "Another Chance," a gospel musical drama written by Melanie Marie Ford will appear at Crossroads Theatre through August 2, 732-247-8981.

NEWARK—A Prayer Quake is about to embark upon St. James A.M.E. Church located at 588 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. 973-623-1344.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

PLAINFIELD—The First Park Baptist Church will have a vacation Bible school through July 18th from 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mon-Fri, and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday's. 908-758-5322.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

NEWARK—The Fourth annual NJ Gospel Parade of Stars, a festival of contemporary and traditional gospel music will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at The Great Lawn, Weequahic Park, 973-926-3627.

Fountain Baptist Church celebrates 100 years

SUMMIT—The oldest black church in Summit, N.J., Fountain Baptist Church, led by Reverend Jerry M. Sanders, celebrated its 100th anniversary recently with the unveiling of its centennial story quilt. The quilt was one of the highlights of a parade sponsored by the church through downtown Summit. This was the city's first African-American sponsored parade.

The parade consisted of ten floats, more than 50 cars, horse drawn carriages, equestrian groups, bands, drill teams, more than 100 banner carriers, about 100 balloon carriers, and over 500 other marchers. Every Fountain Baptist Church auxiliary was represented, as well as Summit and Union County civic groups. Walter D. Long, Mayor of Summit, was the featured guest speaker who also participated in the parade by car. Some of the groups featured in the parade included the McCollough Sons of Thunders, the North Philadelphia Stompers, the Flamingo Precision Drill Team, and the Latin Knights Drum & Bugle Corps.

Fountain's Centennial Story Quilt was constructed under the artistic leadership of Michelle Fielder, an experienced quilt maker and avid enthusiast of the American quilting tradition since 1994. "We designed the quilt in celebration of the church's anniversary," Fielder stated, "Our biggest challenge was to teach about 80 percent of the participants at the art of quilting." she added. Most quilters believe that anyone who makes a quilt inevitably leaves behind a piece of him or herself within the stitching and fabric. Participants in this endeavor were no exception.

At seventy-six years old, Mary Jane Wilson was the oldest member of the quilt committee, the youngest member was 11 years old. "The quilt is our gift to Fountain. It will be used to teach and preserve part of the church's rich history, and to leave something behind that will serve as a testimony into the next millennium," Wilson stated.

Each panel is uniquely designed and includes historical information about people, events, places, religious symbols and beliefs important in the

lives of Fountain members. This creative project represents more than a mere interpretation of a black church's 100-year history—it symbolizes the spiritual connection of faith between the past and present church congregations. The imagery depicted in each block gives the viewer a glimpse into the lives of Christians working together, intent on serving a sovereign God through struggle and triumph.

Although the precise origin of quilting is not known, many authorities agree the art began thousands of years ago in the Far East. Throughout early American history, quilts were used primarily for bedding, clothing and to decorate the home. In later years, quilting became a source for expressing more sentimental feelings and for recording major events, like friendship, patriotism, marriage, birth and death. Quilts were also made to mark the passage of time in the lives of dear ones, as in remembrance, album or story quilts.

Fountain's present day testimony about its past century can be summed up simply through the words of the familiar hymn "We've come this far by faith."



Reverend Jerry M. Sanders, Pastor of Fountain Baptist Church



Parishoners of Fountain Baptist Church proudly displaying their banner during their 100th anniversary parade

Photo by John Hawks



The historical quilt being displayed proudly by parishoners

Photo by John Hawks

Religious leaders join with Conference of Mayors to discuss improving NJ communities

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of Newark; Reverend Edwin Leahy, D. of Newark; Monsignor William J. Linder of Newark; Monsignor Dennis Mahon of Newark; Reverend Calvin Williams of Garfield; Gabriella Morris, President, Prudential Foundation; Trenton Mayor Douglas Palmer; Congressman Donald M. Payne; The Very Reverend Peter Sabune of Newark; Imam Wahy Deen Sharief of W. Orange; Irene Stolzenberg, Rector, Jewish Family & Vocational Services of Edison; Rabbi Elazar Teitz of Elizabeth; and Reverend Newman Wesley of Newark.

"Prudential believes important change can be created in communities across the state because of the dialogue started today," said Gabriella Morris, president of the Prudential Foundation. "The illus-

trious goal gathered here is prepared to build a brighter future for our children, and Prudential is proud to not only sponsor this event, but to participate in the creation."

The Conference of Mayors was founded in 1963 by a group of leading Mayors who believed their collective voices should be heard in Trenton and Washington. NJCM has since become the largest statewide organization in the United States to exclusively represent the interests of Mayors to the State and Federal Legislature and Administration. In addition to this Leadership Conference' additional conferences will be held throughout the state on a quarterly basis dealing with such issues as school reconstruction, urban revitalization and managed care.



Dr. Henry Johnson, Publisher of City News, Leo Klagholz, Commissioner of Education, Rev. Calvin McKinney of Calvary Baptist Church.

Separation of church and State: Myth or Reality?

NEWARK—Remarks of Wyatt Tee Walker, Senior Pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in Harlem, N.Y., at a State-wide Conference of Mayors at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, N.J.

I am very grateful for this opportunity to explore with you creative ways in which faith-based communities and government (municipal, county, State and Federal) can find remedies for the severe social ills that plague our citizens/communicants. It is a sad commentary that the social pathology in our midst has not been able to form the coalition of effort and cooperation before this moment.

We cannot proceed prudently without some careful discussion of the principle of the separation of Church and State. At best, in my view, the separation of Church and State is largely theoretical. I do not mean to suggest that I am not wedded irrevocably to the principle that no government, municipal, county, State or Federal shall interfere with the free exercise of religion based on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. However, in practice, the line of demarcation that separates Church and State is nearly invisible. The people who make our laws at every level of government are Protestant, Catholic Jew and a sprinkling of a few other religious persuasions. During my lifetime, the separation of Church and State has become a shibboleth to ensure that government does not meddle in the affairs of religious practice. Despite the tenacity with which we adhere to the principle of the separation of Church and State, there have been some glaring instances that have been violations of the principle to which we cling so dearly.

The most public instance is the prosecution and conviction of the

Reverend Sung Yung Moon of the Unification Church more than a decade ago. It was on the basis of the principle of the separation of Church and State that I traveled up and down the eastern seaboard of the United States, speaking in his behalf. I was the brunt of considerable criticism of my peers because they presumed my support of Mr. Moon meant I subscribed to his messianic ship theology. My fear was that if the Federal government succeeded in telling Mr. Moon how he could expend the monies of the Unification Church, it would not be very long before they would become after African-American churches and Black preachers. I trust you know what has been going on in this regard in the last five years.

Then there is the earlier matter of prayer in the public schools. I personally believe public instruction was far more effective when we had prayer in the public schools. The Supreme Court's outlawing of prayer in schools is an exaggeration; they would become a response to the concept of the freedom of religion and the separation of Church and State. There is some movement abroad in the land that will lead to softening the rigidity of the Court's decree.

More recently, the legislation that allows the use of school vouchers for parents' tuition costs when they opt to send their children to private and/or sectarian schools. My point is that the line of delineation has considerable flexibility when it suits some need that is deemed critical or some special interests of sponsors who have sufficient clout to bend the rules.

Let me be clear, I am not categorically opposed to the relaxing of the rigidity of the separation of Church and State. I am opposed to the selective relaxing of that rigidity when the ground is not level and the rules

are not the same for everyone.

The Church more than anyone to lay the groundwork for the heart of my diatribe that surrounds the question of the separation of Church and State. The myth of the separation of Church and State has seriously curtailed services that can be rendered to community due to the apprehensions in government and corporate America to provide funds to churches, religious institutions, faith-based communities, etc. In New York City, the Roman Catholic Church receives more funded-program dollars from city, State and Federal coffers in the arena of social services than any private entity or social service provider. On the basis of the social services they provide, it appears to me that this altogether appropriate. What is in appropriate is that the rules are different for those of us in Protestant churches!

Here is what I am proposing specifically: Since the African-American Church is frequently posited in urban areas where social ills are deepest and the concomitant pathology of racism pervasive, that some instrumentally be devised by which public funds can be made available to those institutions who provide or can provide the social services the community desperately needs. We need to explode the myth that government, corporations and foundations cannot fund church-sponsored social services and get on with the business of saving our communities.

Let me make the case for the African-American Church as a viable social service provider. The truth is, we have been a social service provider throughout our history in many informal ways.

1. The primary asset of the African-American Church is the human resource (people) and the weekly accessibility to that



Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, Photo by Kai Nyono

resource. It is the largest gathering of people in community life on a weekly basis, fifty-two times a year.

2. Black Churches possess a focus; it is almost always positioned where the action needs to be. It possesses a venue with a broad variety of ancillary facilities: kitchens, classrooms, assembly halls—space!

3. It has history and permanence. Churches are in for the long haul; they do not close and go out of business.

4. Churches have fiduciary experience; they may have some awkwardness with a CPA audit but their financial activity is sufficient for the institution survival.

5. Black churches are potential candidates to organize CDC's and/or become 501(c)(3)s or 4's.

6. Black churches are ideally positioned to become service providers for Tutoring Centers, Adult Literacy programs, HIV ministries, Child Care, Seniors services, Youth activities, housing development, etc. either individually or in concert with neighborhood churches.

Send your Religious news, calendar events, etc. to: City News: Attn: Religion Dept. P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, N.J. 07061

Bishop Bright says, "People are searching for guidance."

PLAINFIELD—In an interview with Rev. Herbert Bright, pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church, discussed the need for community involvement with Kai Nyono, editorial assistant.

Q: Why is the church relevant today?

A: I think the church is relevant today because people are looking for and searching for guidance. People are hurting and need a place to go and find refuge.

Q: Is the church losing, stagnating or growing in terms of membership?

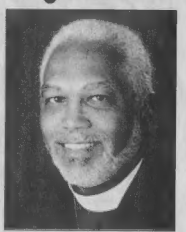
A: In these days, the church is growing. The 60's era people are going back to church, where their basic roots were before we started the years of protest and rebellion. I think the need of moral guidance is turning families back to the church.

Q: What is the role of the church today?

A: The role of the church is to provide information so people can make the right decisions, to point them into the direction in which to believe in and that's God, the living God, and Jesus Christ, the church is here to guide them and to be there for mentoring.

Q: Is there a need to get involved in the social, civic and political affairs of today?

A: I think there's a need to be aware to know how to guide the people into work. I think we as a church need to maintain our role as spiritual leaders and be involved in the community.



Bishop Bright, Faith Tabernacle Church in Christ

Q: Is your church part of the community development efforts like housing, and child care?

A: Our church is working on committees to do so. However, I am a member of the Concerned Urban Clergy who are involved in these types of issues.

Q: Do you think that churches, community organizations and social and civic groups can help and unite communities by uniting around common issues?

A: I certainly do. I think the first major step is that we must ourselves unify and realize our common goal. Churches and all community groups, should realize that we are not in competition but we are to help the community.

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Bid Specifications for the above are available for pick up at the Contracts Division of the NHA at the said address. Telephone: (201) 430-2366.

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The bid opening date is September 11, 1998 at 11:00 a.m., prevailing time, at the Administrative Office of the Morristown Housing Authority, 311 Early St., Morristown, NJ.

A copy of the bid specifications can be obtained at the aforementioned offices. SPECIFICATIONS WILL NOT BE MAILED.

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Proposals must be received by the CRDA by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 1998. No sealed proposals will be accepted.

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The services that are requested will be as follows:

- 1) Prepare plans and specifications to publicly bid the installation of carpeting in the common areas (\$30,000.00) and replacement of waterclosets in the bathrooms (\$20,000.00) at HUD project NJ083-001 (the "Elma"), repaving of parking lot (\$14,000.00), replacement of hot water heaters in all units (\$47,500.00) and installation of carpeting in common areas (\$30,000) at NJ083-002 ("Poco Improvado Towers"), installation of windows in bathrooms (\$30,000) at NJ083-005 (Kool Heights).
- 2) Prepare plans and specification within 60 days of executing the A/E contract. The documents must be submitted and approved by the Authority prior to issuance of the bidding advertisement.
- 3) Attend meetings of the Authority's Board of Commissioners and meetings with Authority staff which are relevant to the completion of this project.
- 4) Assist the Authority in reviewing bids submitted in response to the bidding documents and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on the lowest responsible bidder (including checking on the contractor's references).
- 5) Conduct a pre-construction meeting with the general contractor, at the project site, in order to review and discuss all obligations of the contractor, the architect and the Housing Authority.
- 6) Supervise the construction work in order to ensure that it is being completed in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with the contract documents.
- 7) Review and approve all required submittals.
- 8) Conduct weekly job meetings, on site, in order to review progress and the quality of the work (mainly job meeting minutes).
- 9) Review and approve regulations and change-orders submitted by the contractor.
- 10) Assist in closing-out the project in accordance with the applicable program regulations.
- 11) Provide all services as specified in the Authority's standard form of A/E contract.

Qualifications:

- 1) Must be licensed in the State of New Jersey to provide architectural/engineering services.
- 2) Must be approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide these services.
- 3) Should have previous experience providing these services on a similar scale.

Principal Submittals:

All persons interested in submitting a proposal for the architectural/engineering services should submit a proposal based upon a flat fee. The following items should be included in the proposal:

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- 2) Listing of similar projects that the firm has previously completed.
- 3) Listing of references.
- 4) Evidence that the firm is licensed in the State of New Jersey.
- 5) An insurance certificate indicating that the firm has professional liability insurance.

Proposals should be delivered to the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, 700 County Avenue, Secaucus, New Jersey by 4:00 PM on or before July 23rd, 1998.

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